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TO Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

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FROM

Chief of Station, Santiago

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SUBJECT

Transmittal of Memorandum to the Ambassador

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

Transmitted, herewith, is a Memorandum entitled
"Tomic's Campaign Difficulties".

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1 Memo H/W

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26 February 1970

Memorandum to: The Ambassador

From : [REDACTED]

Subject : Tomic's Campaign Difficulties

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3. Radomiro Tomic has decided that there will be no more attempts to hold pro-Tomic mass rallies and demonstrations in southern Chile. [REDACTED] There were no real crowds anywhere during Tomic's recent trip to the south. For the south, Tomic does not exist.) From now on, Tomic wants nothing but interviews with small groups. Where these groups are not reliably pro-Tomic, he will hold interviews with local Tomic organizers. All photography will be at short range so that the pictures will be filled with people and press readers will have the optical illusion of a crowd.

4. PDC Vice-President Jaime Castillo said [REDACTED] that the Tomic campaign is going very poorly. Tomic is making it difficult for the party to help him and is his own worst enemy as a campaigner. [REDACTED]

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5. SNS Director Patricio S i l v a has said that the cosa nostra, of which he is a member, has been instructed to do nothing to help Tomic. Silva went so far as to say that it would be all right to work for A l e s s a n d r i as long as it was done secretly. [REDACTED] Frei obviously believes an Alessandri victory best serves his future and is contributing to it by not helping Tomic.)

6. For his part, Frei received a poor reception during his 12-13 February visit to Antofagasta. The crowds were much smaller than those which greeted him when he visited there a few months ago, and the intendente was forced to send some truckloads of city employees to the potable water plant which Frei dedicated. As Frei moved about the city, people in scattered places uttered hostile statements about him, the government, and the PDC. [REDACTED] can find no objective reason for Frei's poor Antofagasta reception.)

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